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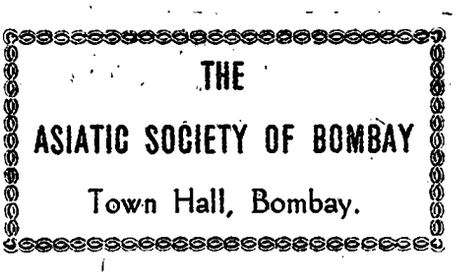

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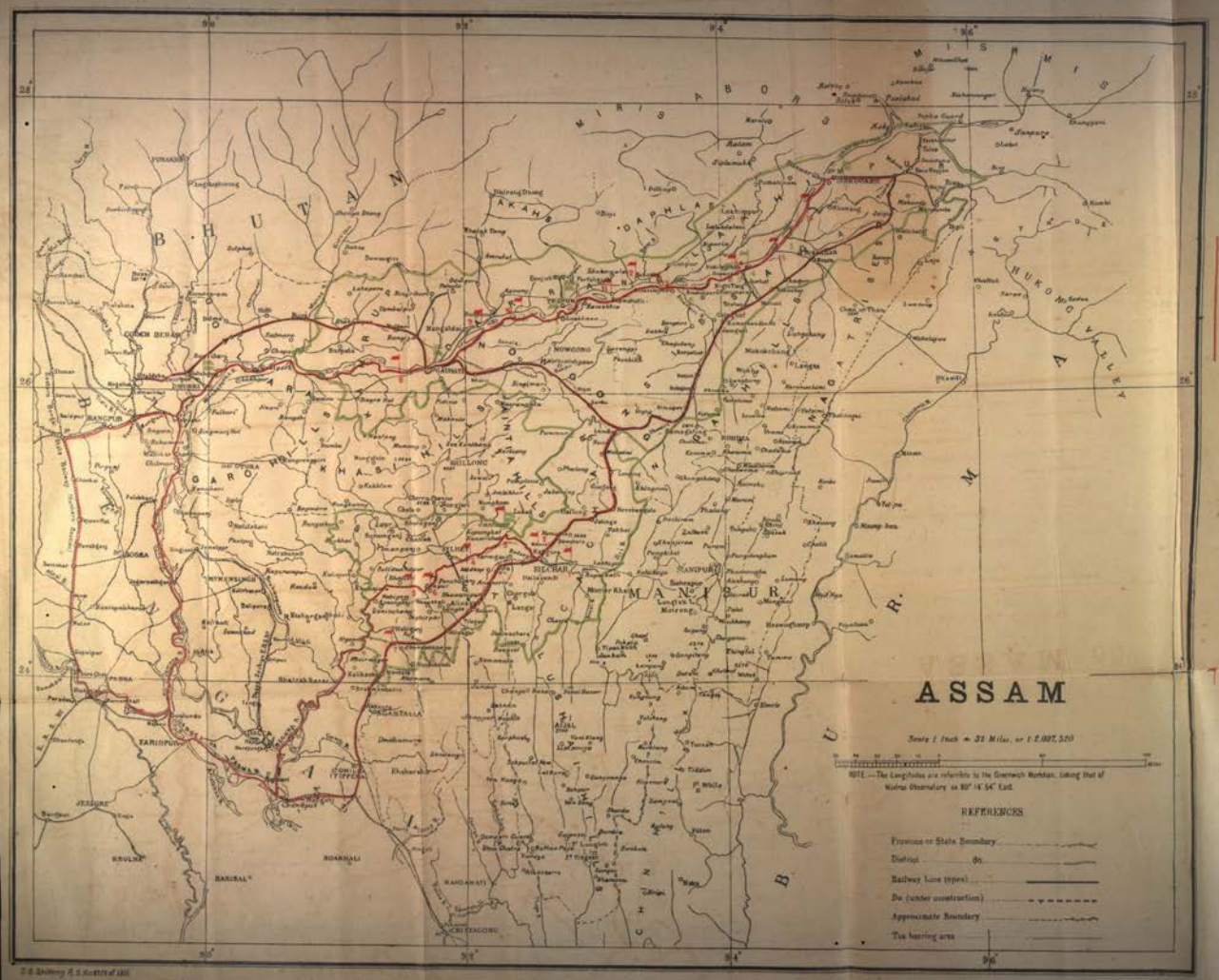
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District do.
Railway Lines (open)
Do (under construction)
Approximate Boundary
Tea bearing area
BHUTAN
MANIPUR
BURMA
Coolie Routes for the Brahmaputra and Surma Valley.
(1) By rail to Gauhati viâ Amingaon and thence by steamer or by rail.
(2) By rail from Chandpur.
(3) By steamer or country boat from Goalundo.
PORTS OF INSPECTION
1. Dhubri.
2. Gauhati.
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Resolution on Immigrant Labour in Assam for the year 1915-16.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Assam in the General Department, No. 691-G., dated the 1st November 1916.

READ—

The Immigrant Labour Reports of the Deputy Commissioners of Labour Districts.

RESOLUTION.

THIS Resolution deals with the labour force imported for employment on the tea gardens in Assam, in the oil refinery at Digboi, in coal mines, and in certain saw-mills. The labour employed on railways is excluded, and no account is taken of those labourers who are temporarily employed during the cold weather and return to their homes in April and May.

2. The number of immigrants during the year under report was considerably higher than that of the previous year. The number of coolies who died during transit was also higher, but considering the large number of immigrants and the unhealthy character of the year, the mortality during transit was still low. The general health of the garden population was good, although climatic conditions were unfavourable in parts of the province.

3. The chief feature of the year was the abolition of the contractor with effect from the 1st July 1915, and the withdrawal of the labour districts provisions of Act VI of 1901 from the same date. The Assam Labour Board, the constitution of which was sanctioned by the Government of India during 1914-15, was in full working order during the year under report, and much excellent work in connection with the supervision of recruitment must be placed to its credit.

Strength and distribution of the labour force.

4. The total strength of the labour force at the close of the year was 953,127, showing an increase of 73,797 over the figures of the preceding year. The number of labourers remaining under Act VI contracts was only 5,062, or 0·8 per cent. of the total adult labourers. Of the total labour force, 65·85 per cent. were employed in the Assam Valley and 34·15 in the Surma Valley.

Nationality and sex of the adult labour force.

5. The distribution of the labour force according to nationality and sex was almost the same as in the preceding year. More than 74 per cent. of the adults were natives of Chota Nagpur, the Sonthal Parganas and the plains districts of the United Provinces, Bengal and Bihar. The proportion of women was 42·51 of the Act labourers, and 48·09 of the non-Act labourers, while the percentage of children was 40·22 of the total strength.

Acreage under tea and distribution of the force per acre.

6. The area under tea cultivation rose from 375,351 to 383,104 acres. The number of adults employed per acre during the year under report was almost the same as in the previous year, the district averages varying from 1·07 in Kamrup to 1·81 in Lakhimpur. These figures do not include local labour available from outside the gardens.

CHAPTER II.

IMMIGRATION.

Provincial figures of immigration.

7. The following table shows the statistics of immigration into the province during the past five years :—

Class of labourers.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Act ... Sardari adults	661	773	946	1,484	522
Act ... Contractors' adults ...	3,747	2,565	2,830	981	57
Non-Act adults	41,494	42,901	42,073	43,747	72,029
Total of Act and non-Act adults ...	45,905	46,239	45,849	46,212	72,608
Children	12,741	13,634	13,020	17,426	37,768
Grand total	58,646	59,873	58,869	63,638	1,10,376

It will be seen from the above table that the number of immigrants during the year under report was considerably higher than in any of the preceding four years. The bulk of the immigrants came from the Sonthal Parganas and the plains districts of the United Provinces, Bengal and Bihar. There was a drop in immigration from the Central Provinces, and a slight increase in that from Madras. The increase in immigration is attributed partly to the prosperity of the industry and the extension of the area under tea, and partly to conditions favouring emigration in the recruiting districts. The influence of the Assam Labour Board is also said to have contributed to the increase during the latter part of the year.

Mortality during transit

8. The health of the coolies in transit was not as satisfactory as usual, the number of deaths recorded being 114 against 42 in 1914-15. The majority of the deaths were due to cholera. Owing to the temporary breach in the hill section of the Assam-Bengal Railway the bulk of the immigrants had to travel by the steamer route, on which the sanitary arrangements are reported to be satisfactory. So far as can be ascertained, the increased mortality was due to a large influx of labourers from districts in which scarcity prevailed. The health of the immigrants during transit continues to receive the careful attention of the Sanitary Commissioner.

Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.

9. The number of complaints of fraudulent and irregular recruitments decreased during the year under report from 81 to 76, twenty-four of which were found on investigation to be true.

CHAPTER III.

CONTRACTS AND WAGES.

Number of contracts made.

10. Five hundred and seventy-nine coolies executed contracts in the recruiting districts against 2,465 of the preceding year. The contract was abolished with effect from the 1st July 1915, and the coolies in question entered into contracts before the orders abolishing them came into force.

Expiry and cancellation of contracts.

11. The number of contracts cancelled by the efflux of time was 2,431 against 2,455. These were reported fairly regularly by the managers concerned. Three hundred and fifty contracts were dissolved by mutual consent against 353 of the preceding year, 262 being dissolved in Darrang alone. The majority of the coolies whose contracts are thus cancelled subsequently enter into agreements under Act XIII. Twelve contracts were cancelled under section 131 for permanent unfitness against 23 of the preceding year.

Repatriation.

12. The option of repatriation was given to 82 coolies and was accepted by 73.

Working of Act XIII of 1859.

13. The working of Act XIII of 1859 was on the whole satisfactory. Free labourers on reaching the gardens and Act VI labourers whose contracts have expired usually execute agreements under Act XIII, but it is only in a few cases that Managers resort to the courts to enforce the fulfilment of the terms of the agreements. These are generally for 313 days, but in some cases the agreements are for 939 days with a corresponding increase in the advance paid.

Wages of Act labourers.

14. The following statement shows the average monthly wages of Act labourers calculated on the earnings of the months of March and September :—

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1915 and March 1916, of monthly cash wages, including ticca, diet rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.			
	Of total number on books.		Of average daily working strength.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar Sadr	...	...	...	...
Hailakandi	...	...	...	...
North Sylhet	...	...	...	...
Karimganj	...	...	...	...
South Sylhet	...	...	...	...
Habiganj	...	...	...	...
Kamrup Sadr	...	...	...	...
Darrang Sadr	5 1 6	6 0 4	6 14 2	7 4 11
Mangaldai	6 11 7	6 0 10	8 3 8	7 8 10
Nowgong	5 1 1	3 4 11	6 7 11	5 0 4
Jorhat	5 12 9	4 13 5	6 10 5	6 2 7
Sibsagar	5 5 4	4 14 8	6 13 6	6 9 8
Golaghat	5 15 1	5 0 0	6 14 7	5 13 0
Lakhimpur Sadr	6 12 4	5 13 2	9 6 7	8 3 7
North Lakhimpur	5 6 1	5 1 4	6 11 7	6 6 4
Average for 1915-16	5 12 1	5 9 11	7 11 2	7 3 3
Average for 1914-15	6 0 8	5 12 9	7 14 3	7 9 3

Wages of non-Act coolies.

15. The average earnings of non-Act coolies are shown below :—

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1915 and March 1916, of monthly cash wages, including ticca, diet rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.					
	Of total number on the book.			Of average daily working strength.		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar Sadr	5 9 10	4 3 6	2 8 4	7 1 4	5 13 1	3 8 8
Hailakandi	4 14 9	3 15 6	2 2 5	6 11 7	5 13 6	3 8 5
North Sylhet	5 11 2	4 1 0	2 12 9	7 2 1	5 3 11	3 11 7
Karimganj	4 0 8	3 5 10	2 7 7	6 10 2	5 8 6	3 11 10
South Sylhet	5 10 7	4 3 2	2 6 2	7 5 4	5 10 10	3 8 10
Habiganj	5 11 4	4 7 6	2 14 0	7 7 3	6 3 7	4 6 5
Kamrup Sadr	3 8 5	2 8 9	1 7 4	5 12 6	4 1 7	2 8 11
Darrang Sadr	5 11 3	7 5 10	3 3 3	7 10 8	7 7 5	4 4 7
Mangaldai	6 4 11	5 0 8	2 8 11	8 4 1	6 13 2	3 12 4
Nowgong	5 8 11	4 15 9	2 14 8	7 9 9	7 5 9	4 1 3
Jorhat	6 1 0	5 0 1	3 1 9	7 5 2	6 1 4	3 15 10
Sibsagar	6 2 3	5 3 2	2 15 11	7 9 3	6 11 9	3 13 11
Golaghat	6 0 7	5 0 6	3 5 7	7 6 1	6 5 10	4 1 7
Lakhimpur Sadr	7 4 2	6 3 5	3 4 1	10 6 4	7 11 2	4 5 8
North Lakhimpur	6 1 8	5 8 7	2 15 10	8 12 9	7 15 7	4 4 6
Average for 1915-16*	6 0 4	5 2 6	2 14 5	8 1 4	6 10 11	3 15 9
Average for 1914-15	6 0 5	4 10 3	2 13 3	7 14 5	6 5 9	3 15 7

* [The provincial averages are not the means of the district averages, but are calculated independently by dividing the total earnings of two typical months by the total number of coolies on the books (column 2 of Form No. 27) and by the total of average daily working strength (column 4 of Form No. 27) during those months.]

CHAPTER IV.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Birth rate.

16. The recorded birth-rate was 23·7 per mille calculated on the total strength of the coolie population and 82·0 per mille on the adult female population, the figures for the preceding year being 25·9 and 88·8, respectively.

District.	Number of births.	Birth-rate per mille on —	
		Total coolie population.	Adult female population.
1	2	3	4
Cachar	3,545	25·8	86·7
Sylhet	4,344	24·1	84·6
Kamrup	105	23·5	72·3
Darrang	2,446	22·0	74·9
Nowgong	492	20·9	68·7
Sibsagar	5,237	23·5	81·4
Lakhimpur	5,558	23·7	82·8
Total for 1915-16	21,727	23·7	82·0
Total for 1914-15	22,899	25·9	88·8

The recorded provincial birth-rate per mille of the total population was 33·60 and 167·60 per mille of the total adult female population.

17. The registered death-rate for the total labour force was 27·4 in 1915-16 against 24·2 in 1914-15. The number of deaths was 25,151 against 20,876. The rate among adults was 31·5 as against 27·7 in the preceding year. As in the previous year, the highest death-rate (37·9) was recorded in Darrang and the lowest (26·7) in Cachar.

Death-rate (Statement VIII.)

18. The death-rate among coolies from the several recruiting areas is shown in the statement below. The death-rate was generally higher than that of the previous year among all the classes except the miscellaneous class, which includes recruits from Bombay, Nepal and China :—

Mortality according to nationality.

Nationality.	Sex.	Mean annual strength of adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Deaths among adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Ratio per mille of the deaths to strength.
1	2	3	4	5
Plains, United Provinces, Bengal and Bihar.	Men ...	205,451	3,552	32·61
	Women ...		3,148	
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas.	Men ...	201,161	3,209	30·99
	Women ...		3,025	
Central Provinces	Men ...	74,611	1,121	28·22
	Women ...		1,030	
Madras	Men ...	40,918	771	37·83
	Women ...		777	
Assam	Men ...	24,774	261	25·38
	Women ...		368	
Others	Men ...	3,091	94	36·88
	Women ...		20	
Total ...	Men ...	285,182	9,008	31·58
	Women ...	264,824	8,368	31·59
Grand total	...	550,006	17,376	31·59

Mortality among Act-labourers from principal diseases.

	1914-15.	1915-16.
Mean strength	9,087	6,621
Deaths from Cholera ...	20	23
Diarrhœa	32	16
Dysentery	145	95
Malarial fever	17	13
Anæmia	69	41
Respiratory diseases ...	42	26
Other causes	144	121
Total ...	469	335

19. The statement in the margin shows the mean strength of the total Act labour force and the number of deaths from the principal diseases. Dysentery and respiratory diseases were responsible for the largest number of deaths.

CHAPTER V.

Unhealthy Gardens.

20. Gardens are classed as unhealthy when the mortality either of the total garden population or of the Act and non-Act coolies taken separately exceeds 7 per cent. and the total number of deaths is not less than 10. Twelve gardens were unhealthy during the year under report against 5 in the preceding year. Two of them have been on the unhealthy list for two years in succession.

District.	Unhealthy in respect of.	Name of garden.	Mean strength.	Number of deaths.	Ratio per mille.	Cause of deaths.						
						Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Anæmia of coolies or Anchylostomiasis.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sylhet	Non-Act population ...	Udnacherra ...	785	21	26·7	...	3	7	2	2	3	4
	Ditto ditto ...	Kumarshail ...	83	7	84·3	4	1	1	1	...	...	...
Nowgong ...	Ditto ditto ...	Chapanalla ...	218	21	96·3	10	1	3	1	1	3	2
Sibsagar ...	Total population ...	Borpatra ...	664	69	103·9	...	10	14	...	7	13	25
	Non-Act ditto ...	Nambarnadi ...	1,103	101	91·5	60	10	10	10	5	...	6
	Ditto ditto ...	Ghiladhari ...	478	67	140·1	48	3	6	1	...	...	9
	Ditto ditto ...	Behora ...	1,261	95	75·3	14	15	16	15	...	9	26
	Ditto ditto ...	Deering ...	354	26	73·4	...	...	15	1	...	...	10
	Total population ...		364	28	76·9	...	2	15	1	...	...	10
Lakhimpur ...	Act population ...	Daimukhia ...	90	10	111·1	...	1	1	...	1	3	4
	Ditto ditto ...	Makum ...	127	17	133·8	...	1	7	...	2	5	2
	Ditto ditto ...	Namdang ...	281	29	103·2	...	1	15	...	5	5	3
	Non-Act population ...	Khonikar ...	1,037	94	90·6	75	...	1	6	2	2	8

CHAPTER VI.

Offences and Prosecutions.

Complaints by coolies and by managers.

21. Only one complaint of ill-treatment was instituted by coolies against their employers during the year under report, and that case was found to be trivial and was dismissed. There were 51 miscellaneous complaints, including simple assault cases, filed by coolies against their employers, of which ten were decided in favour of the complainants and the rest were dismissed either on account of the non-appearance of the complainants or for want of evidence. There were 497 applications for discharge certificates, of which 295 were successful. Managers instituted 884 cases against their coolies for non-fulfilment of their contracts and agreements. Two hundred and ninety cases were decided in favour of the complainants and 39 coolies were sent to prison. There were four cases of riot or unlawful assembly and one case of assault during the year under report against 10 and 5 cases, respectively, in the preceding year. The most serious case was one of rioting and causing grievous hurt by the coolies of the Dessoi tea estate in the Sibsagar district.

On the whole, the relations between employers and employed were satisfactory.

Desertions of Act VI labourers.

22. The number of Act VI coolies reported to have deserted was 559. One hundred and eleven warrants were issued for the arrest of deserters, 13 of whom were arrested. Of these, 3 were convicted, two of whom were sent to prison.

CHAPTER VII.

Miscellaneous.

Inspection.

23. The number of gardens at the close of the year was 737 including out-gardens. Two gardens in Cachar were amalgamated with their parent gardens, and one was newly opened. Three hundred and sixty-eight gardens were liable to inspection, of which 366 were inspected during the year under report.

Capitation fees.

24. The law as to the realisation of capitation fees having been withdrawn with effect from the 1st July 1915, no demand for the fee was made during the year under report. A sum of Rs. 1,538-15-9, being the amount due on account of the previous year, was realised.

Relations between planters and neighbouring villagers.

25. As usual, the relations between planters and neighbouring villagers were generally satisfactory.

Colonisation by ex-tea-garden coolies.

26. At the close of the year under review the area of Government land settled with time-expired coolies was 221,161 acres against 213,850 in the preceding year. These coolies also held 30,798 acres of land in the province as sub-tenants during the year. The area of Government land settled with Managers on special nine years' leases, to enable them to provide their coolies with cultivation, was 15,803 acres.

Inland Labour Transport operations.

27. Receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 7,686 and expenditure to Rs. 45,171.

By order of the Chief Commissioner of Assam,

A. W. BOTHAM,

Second Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

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STATEMENT I.—PART A.—*Statistics of the adult coolies employed under Act VI of* 1901 *on the Tea Estates in the Province of Assam during the year* 1915-16.

District.	Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year.					Total of columns 2 and 7.	Deductions made during the year 1915-16.												Number remaining at the end of the year 1915-16.	Annual strength.	Death per mille.
		Imported		Otherwise than by importations.		Total added.		Transferred to other estates.	Deaths.	Desertions.	Cancelment under section 10.	Cancelment under sections 11, 152(1), 153(1), 154 and 200.	Cancelment for permanent unfitness, section 131.	Cancelment under section 140(c).	Suspended under section 129.	Efflux of time, section 155.	Redemption, section 156.	Number dissolved by mutual consent.	Total deducted.			
		By contractors.	By garden sardars.	Received by transfer from other estates.	Recovered after having been struck off as deserters.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total, Surma Valley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	3,111	...	223	3	3	229	3,340	3	129	206	...	...	...	...	...	555	...	262	1,155	2,185	2,648	48·7
Nowgong	454	4	80	1	...	85	539	3	17	55	...	...	...	...	...	149	...	31	255	284	369	46·0
Sibsagar	1,597	22	18	3	...	43	1,640	2	61	141	...	...	...	...	...	492	...	14	710	930	1,263	48·2
Lakhimpur	3,019	31	201	19	2	253	3,272	34	128	157	...	...	12	...	...	1,235	...	43	1,609	1,663	2,341	54·6
Total, Brahmaputra Valley ...	8,181	57	522	26	5	610	8,791	42	335	559	...	...	12	...	...	2,431	...	350	3,729	5,062	6,621	50·5
Total of 1915-16	8,181	57	522	26	5	610	8,791	42	335	559	...	...	12	...	...	2,431	...	350	3,729	5,062	6,621	50·5
„ „ 1914-15	9,995	981	1,484	111	28	2,604	12,599	133	469	979	1	...	23	...	...	2,455	5	353	4,418	8,181	9,087	51·6

STATEMENT I.—PART B.—Statistics of the adult coolies (working and not working) living in garden lines and garden bastis, *but not employed under Act VI of* 1901, *and coolie children.*

District.	Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year 1915-1916.			Total of columns 2 and 5.	Deductions made during the year 1915-1916.			Number remaining at the end of the year 1915-1916.	Annual strength.	Death-rate per mille.
		Number imported during the year.	Number added locally during the year.	Total added.		Number lost by death during the year.	Number lost by transfer, discharge or desertion during the year.	Total deducted.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar ... Adults ...	81,941	4,240	4,197	8,437	90,378	2,219	4,085	6,304	84,074	83,007	26·7
Cachar ... Children ...	52,953	1,921	4,323	6,244	59,197	1,019	2,700	3,719	55,478	54,216	18·8
Sylhet ... Adults ...	99,540	12,194	6,101	18,285	117,825	3,223	8,202	11,425	106,400	102,970	31·3
Sylhet ... Children ...	73,881	5,278	5,743	11,021	84,902	1,175	4,135	5,310	79,592	76,736	15·3
Surma Valley... Adults ...	181,481	16,424	10,298	26,722	208,203	5,442	12,287	17,729	190,474	185,977	29·2
Surma Valley... Children ...	126,834	7,199	10,066	17,265	144,099	2,194	6,835	9,029	135,070	130,952	16·7
Kamrup ... Adults ...	3,114	447	668	1,115	4,229	104	760	864	3,365	3,239	32·1
Kamrup ... Children ...	1,159	111	244	355	1,514	59	164	223	1,291	1,225	48·1
Darrang ... Adults ...	64,298	13,932	7,267	21,199	85,497	2,585	9,659	12,244	73,253	68,776	37·5
Darrang ... Children ...	36,882	7,161	3,172	10,333	47,215	874	3,819	4,693	42,522	39,702	22·0
Nowgong ... Adults ...	13,781	2,493	1,191	3,684	17,465	455	1,402	1,857	15,608	14,694	30·9
Nowgong ... Children ...	7,829	1,206	527	1,733	9,562	165	489	654	8,908	8,369	19·7
Sibsagar ... Adults ...	125,434	17,959	6,714	24,673	150,107	4,073	10,530	14,603	135,504	130,469	31·2
Sibsagar ... Children ...	90,214	10,955	5,985	16,940	107,154	2,117	6,157	8,274	98,880	94,547	22·3
Lakhimpur ... Adults ...	133,956	20,774	7,483	28,257	162,213	4,382	11,327	15,709	146,504	140,230	31·2
Lakhimpur ... Children ...	86,249	11,136	6,595	17,731	103,980	2,366	4,928	7,294	96,686	91,467	25·8
Brahmaputra Valley. Adults ...	340,583	55,605	23,323	78,928	419,511	11,599	33,678	45,277	374,234	357,408	32·4
Brahmaputra Valley. Children ...	222,333	30,569	16,523	47,092	269,425	5,581	15,557	21,138	248,287	235,310	23·7
Total ... Adults ...	522,064	72,029	33,621	105,650	627,714	17,041	45,965	63,006	564,708	543,385	31·3
Total ... Children ...	349,167	37,768	26,589	64,357	413,524	7,775	22,392	30,167	383,357	366,262	21·2
Total of 1915-16 ...	871,231	109,797	60,210	170,007	1041,238	24,816	68,357	93,173	948,065	909,647	27·2
„ „ 1914-15 ...	836,574	61,173	60,590	121,763	958,337	20,407	66,781	87,188	871,149	853,868	23·9

Statement II.—Nationality and Sex of the Adult Labour force.

Nationality.	Act.			Non-Act.			Total.			Percentage of column 9 to column 10.	Percentage of column 10 to total labour force.
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Plains, United Provinces, Bengal and Bihar.	613	525	1,138	112,292	102,940	215,232	112,905	103,465	216,370	47·81	37·97
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas.	1,554	1,149	*2,703	104,242	101,764	206,006	105,796	102,913	208,709	49·30	36·63
Central Provinces ...	608	371	979	37,274	36,359	73,633	37,882	36,730	74,612	49·22	13·10
Madras	127	106	233	21,633	19,224	40,857	21,760	19,330	41,090	47·04	7·21
Assam	...	1	1	15,338	10,394	25,732	15,338	10,395	25,733	40·39	4·52
Others	8	...	8	2,377	871	3,248	2,385	871	3,256	26·75	0·57
Total of 1915-16 ...	2,910	2,152	5,062	293,156	271,552	564,708	296,066	273,704	569,770	48·03	100·00
„ „ 1914-15 ...	4,735	3,446	8,181	269,483	252,499	521,982	274,218	255,945	530,163	48·27	100·00

STATEMENT III.—Nationality and Sex of Adult Immigrants and Agency by which recruited.

Nationality.	Imported by garden sardars.			Imported by contractors.			Total Act.			Total non-Act.			Total Act and non-Act.		
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Plains, United Provinces, Bengal and Behar.	34	7	41	10	3	13	44	10	54	20,865	14,750	35,615	20,909	14,760	35,669
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas.	320	115	435	6	3	9	326	118	444	14,725	11,331	26,056	15,051	11,449	26,500
Central Provinces...	17	29	46	21	9	30	38	38	76	3,216	1,979	5,195	3,254	2,017	5,271
Madras ...	...	...	...	2	3	5	2	3	5	1,780	1,591	3,371	1,782	1,594	3,376
Assam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	655	112	767	655	112	767
Others	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	942	83	1,025	942	83	1,025
Total of 1915-16 ...	371	151	522	39	18	57	410	169	579	42,183	29,846	72,029	42,593	30,015	72,608
„ „ 1914-15 ...	944	540	1,484	623	358	981	1,567	898	2,465	26,932	16,815	43,747	28,499	17,713	46,212

STATEMENT IV.—Recruitment of Act labourers.

District.	Number of certificates granted to garden sardars.	Number of certificates providing for the medical examination of labourers.	Number of sardari coolies recruited.	Average number of recruits per sardar.	Number of contractors' coolies imported.	Total number of coolies imported under the Act.	Number who contracted in recruiting districts.		
							Under Chapter III.	Under Chapter IV.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Darrang	7,452	2,388	223	·02	...	223	...	223	223
Nowgong	1,115	302	80	·07	4	84	4	80	84
Sibsagar	3,635	4,882	18	·001	22	40	22	18	40
Lakhimpur	10,119	3,029	201	·01	31	232	31	201	232
Total of 1915-16	28,321	10,601	522	·01	57	579	57	522	579
„ „ 1914-15	19,697	9,285	1,484	·07	981	2,465	981	1,484	2,465

STATEMENT V.—Debarkation Depôts.

District.	Number of depôts.	Total number of immigrants.	Number who passed through depôts.	Number detained at depôts.				Contracts cancelled at depôts.	Expenditure.		
				Through want of guide.	In hospital.	For segregation.	For night only.		Buildings.	Establishment, etc.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
									Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Kamrup	1	558	11,247	350	74	179	753	...	1,058 4 0	1,919 3 7	2,977 7 7
Darrang	1	21,316	1,607	1,204	82	196	125	...	335 1 4	2,533 11 11	2,868 13 3
Nowgong	1	3,783	4,309(a)	413	10	...	3,878	8	51 5 0	607 6 11	658 11 11
Sibsagar	4	28,954	10,668	964	142	57	9,505	...	1,001 8 6	1,667 6 3	2,668 14 9
Lakhimpur	1	32,142	18,751	2,821	104	72	9,539	...	490 3 2	1,404 0 0	1,894 3 2
Total of 1915-16 ...	8	86,753	46,582	5,752	412	504	23,800	8	2,936 6 0	8,131 12 8	11,068 2 8
„ „ 1914-15 ...	8	48,168	16,949	2,418	201	221	13,358	25	5,032 6 9	6,098 10 2	11,131 0 11

(a) Including sardars and dependants imported for gardens in Golaghat subdivision bordering Nowgong district.

STATEMENT VI.—Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.

District.	Number of cases pending from the previous year.	Number of complaints received during the year.	Number found true.	Number found false.	Number not proved.	Pending at the close of the year.	Total number of cases disposed of.	Number of persons concerned.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cachar	2	2	1	...	2	1	3	15
Sylhet	1	9	2	1	6	1	9	13
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	...	10	2	...	8	...	10	20
Nowgong	1	4	4	1	...	...	5	12
Sibsagar	3	26	6	10	12	1	28	64
Lakhimpur	4	25	9	...	10	10	19	40
Total of 1915-16	11	76	24	12	38	13	74	164
„ 1914-15	16	81	29	9	48	11	86	202

STATEMENT VII.—Repatriation of Labourers.

	Number of labourers available for repatriation.	Number repatriated				
		Under section 12 (section 10 or 11).	Under section 158 (section 131).	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar	1	...	...	...	1	1
Sylhet	5	...	...	2	4	6
Kamrup	22	...	...	...	22	22
Darrang	2	...	...	...	2	2
Nowgong	13	...	...	1	7	8
Sibsagar	7	...	...	...	5	5
Lakhimpur	31	...	12	1	16	29
Total of 1915-16	82	...	12	4	57	73
„ „ 1914-15	108	...	18	4	74	96

	Number whose contracts were cancelled, but who were not repatriated.						Cost of repatriation charged to the Inland Labour Transport operations.		
	Awaiting an escort.	Preferring to remain in the garden or in the district.	Died.	Absconded.	Sent to lunatic asylum.	Total.	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
							Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...	87 0 0	...	87 0 0
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nowgong	...	2	3	...	...	5	61 6 9	...	61 6 9
Sibsagar	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...
Lakhimpur	...	...	1	1	...	2	12 9 6	...	12 9 6
Total of 1915-16	...	2	6	1	...	9	161 0 3	...	161 0 3
„ „ 1914-15	1	11	...	...	...	12	60 4 0	159 1 6	219 5 6

STATEMENT VIII.—Deaths among all classes of labourers.

District.	Class.	Mean annual strength.	Deaths from								
			Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Anæmia of coolies or *anchylostomiasis.*	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.	Total deaths.	Ratio per mille.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar ...	Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	83,007	372	139	339	191	195	331	652	2,219	26·7
	Children ...	54,216	138	87	168	230	36	76	284	1,019	18·8
	Total adults ...	83,007	372	139	339	191	195	331	652	2,219	26·7
Sylhet ...	Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	1,02,970	466	324	428	281	356	458	910	3,223	31·3
	Children ...	76,736	131	147	200	292	47	66	292	1,175	15·3
	Total adults ...	1,02,970	466	324	428	281	356	458	910	3,223	31·3
Kamrup ...	Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	3,239	34	5	23	18	6	1	17	104	32·1
	Children ...	1,225	4	4	6	32	3	...	10	59	48·1
	Total adults ...	3,239	34	5	23	18	6	1	17	104	32·1
Darrang ...	Act	2,648	13	6	35	8	18	4	45	129	48·7
	Non-Act adults ...	68,776	185	227	575	159	424	73	942	2,585	37·5
	Children ...	39,702	36	70	205	146	72	59	286	874	22·0
	Total adults ...	71,424	198	233	610	167	442	77	987	2,714	37·9
Nowgong ...	Act	369	4	...	3	1	1	2	6	17	46·0
	Non-Act adults ...	14,694	91	23	62	71	33	53	122	455	30·9
	Children ...	8,369	26	7	20	37	10	9	56	165	19·7
	Total adults ...	15,063	95	23	65	72	34	55	128	472	31·3
Sibsagar ...	Act	1,263	1	2	17	3	9	3	26	61	48·2
	Non-Act adults ...	1,30,469	589	442	832	260	349	312	1,289	4,073	31·2
	Children ...	94,547	194	218	474	235	111	83	802	2,117	22·3
	Total adults ...	131,732	590	444	849	263	358	315	1,315	4,134	31·3
Lakhimpur ...	Act	2,341	5	8	40	1	13	17	44	128	54·6
	Non-Act adults ...	140,230	211	421	740	511	243	679	1,517	4,332	31·2
	Children ...	91,467	65	221	445	137	286	210	1,002	2,366	25·8
	Total adults ...	142,571	216	489	780	512	256	696	1,561	4,510	31·6
Grand total...	Act	6,621	23	16	95	13	41	26	121	335	50·5
	Non-Act adults ...	543,385	1,948	1,641	2,999	1,491	1,606	1,907	5,449	17,041	31·3
	Children ...	366,262	594	754	1,518	1,109	565	503	2,732	7,775	21·2
	Total adults ...	550,006	1,971	1,657	3,094	1,504	1,647	1,933	5,570	17,376	31·5
	Total Labour force...	916,368	2,565	2,411	4,612	2,613	2,212	2,436	8,302	25,151	27·4

STATEMENT IX.—Offences committed by tea-garden coolies and by tea planters.

	By coolies against Managers.				By Managers against coolies.					
	Violence, intimidation, or oppressive treatment without reference to re-engagement.	Violence, intimidation, or oppressive treatment, in order to compel re-engagement.	Application for discharge certificates.	Others.	Non-fulfilment of contract (by absence, desertions, etc.).	For failure of garden sardars to return to duty.	For enticing coolies.	Unlawful assembly or rioting.	Assault or intimidation.	Others.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Number of complaints or petitions received during the year.	1	...	483	50	748	91	1	4	1	...
Number of complaints or petitions pending from the previous year.	...	...	14	1	136	19	...	...	...	1
Total	1	...	497	51	884	110	1	4	1	1
Number dealt with criminally and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	1	...
Against complainant	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of persons fined	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ imprisoned	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	3	...
Number dealt with under Act VI of 1901 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	22	...	1	24	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	12	...	13	60	...	...	...	...
Number of persons fined	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ imprisoned	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...
Number dealt with unde Act XIII of 1859 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	150	...	289	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	50	3	491	...	1	...	...	...
Number of persons imprisoned	...	...	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	...
Number dealt with executively and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	128	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	121	31	...	...	...	...	...	...

STATEMENT X.—Statement of desertions among adult labourers under Act VI of 1901.

Subdivision.	Number of desertions.	Percentage of desertions on mean strength.	Number of warrants issued for the arrest of deserters.	Number arrested.	Number convicted.	Number punished with imprisonment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar ... Sadr	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cachar ... Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ... North Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ... Karimganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ... South Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ... Habiganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup ... Sadr	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang ... Sadr	131	7·6	15	1	1	...
Darrang ... Mangaldai	15	9·2	...	...	...	...
Nowgong ... Sadr	55	14·9	2	1	1	1
Sibsagar ... Jorhat	22	9·0	3	...	...	...
Sibsagar ... Sibsagar	76	12·9	...	...	...	...
Sibsagar ... Golaghat	43	17·6	16	4	1	1
Lakhimpur ... Sadr	147	6·7	63	7	...	...
Lakhimpur ... North Lakhimpur ...	10	5·9	12	...	...	...
Total of 1915-16	559	8·4	111	13	3	2
„ „ 1914-15	979	10·7	113	32	19	10

STATEMENT XI.—Inspection.

District.	Number of gardens employing Act labour.	Number of non-Act gardens employing more than 50 labourers.	Number of gardens liable to inspection during the year.			Number of gardens inspected during the year.			Number inspected once.	Number inspected twice.	Number of inspections made by Deputy Commissioners.	Number of inspections made by Assistant Commissioners.	Number of inspections made by Civil Surgeons.	Number of inspections made by other agencies.	Total number of inspections made.	Number of gardens which submitted returns.
			Number not inspected in the previous year.	Specially selected for annual inspection.	Total.	Of those entered in column 4.	Of those entered in column 5.	Total.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Cachar	...	110	56	14	70	56	14	70	70	...	27	20	...	23	70	110
Sylhet	...	135	48	22	70	48	22	70	67	3	2	64	3	4	73	140
Kamrup	...	19	11	...	11	11	...	11	11	...	11	...	...	...	11	13
Darrang	56	96	35	23	58	33	23	56	58	...	34	18	6	...	58	96
Nowgong	13	32	16	1	17	16	1	17	17	...	17	...	...	...	17	34
Sibsagar	55	101	68	17	85	68	17	85	85	...	35	46	4	...	85	148
Lakhimpur ...	64	56	53	4	57	53	4	57	57	...	21	12	3	21	57	136
Total of 1915-16 ...	188	549	287	81	368	285	81	366	365	3	147	160	16	48	371	677

STATEMENT XII.—Demand and collection of capitation fees under section 117 of Act VI of 1901.

District.	Demand for the year.		Arrears for previous year outstanding.	Gross demand.	Total realised.	Balance outstanding.
	Number of labourers for whom fee is payable.	Total demand.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Darrang	...	.....	785 0 0	785 0 0	785 0 0	.....
Nowgong	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sibsagar	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lakhimpur	...	.....	753 15 9	753 15 9	753 15 9	.....
Total	...	.....	1,538 15 9	1,538 15 9	1,538 15 9	.....

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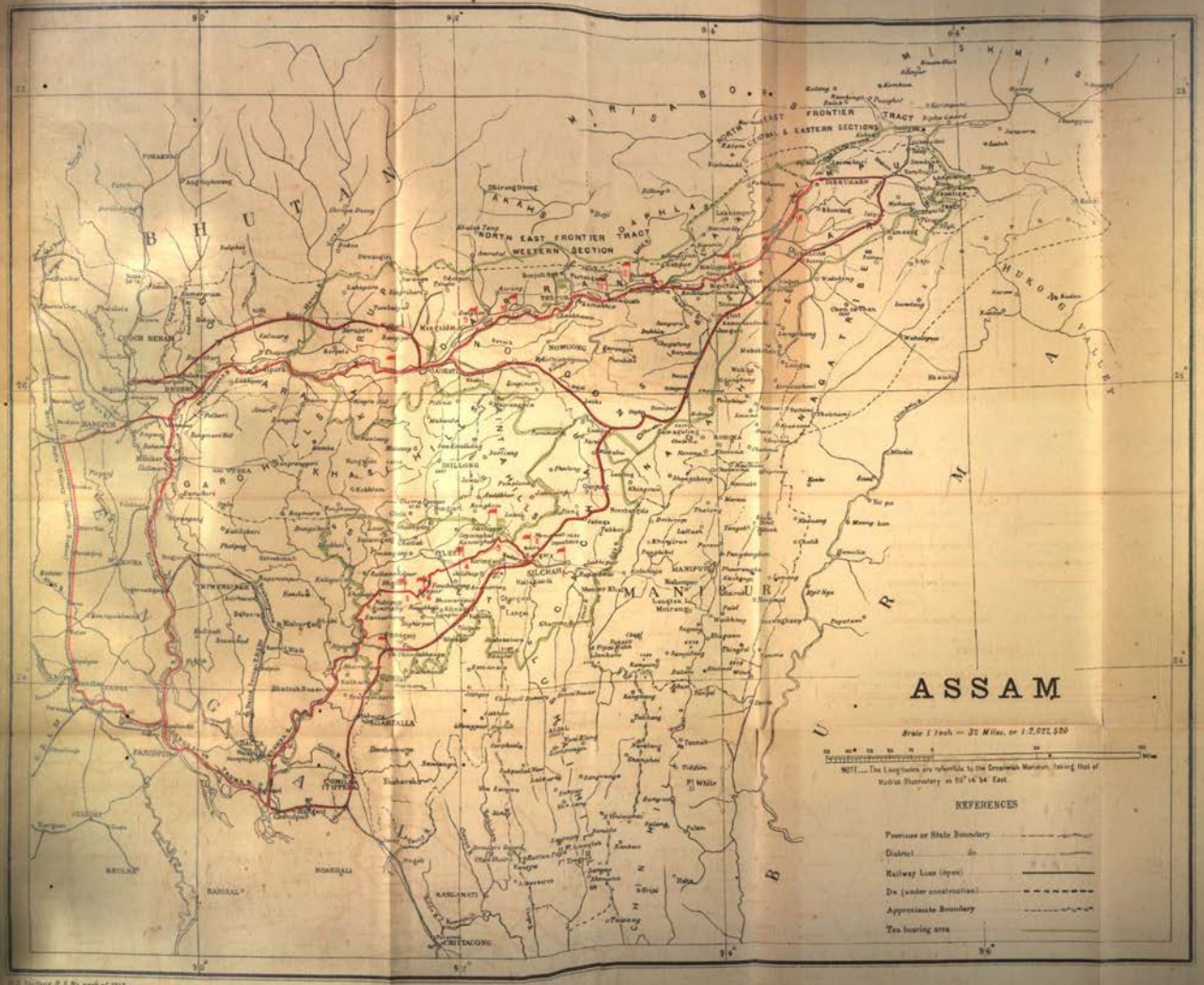

Circle Routes for the Brahmaputra and Surma Valley.

(1) *By rail to Gauhati via Amingaon and thence by steamer or by rail.*

(2) *By rail from Chandpur.*

(3) *By steamer or country boat from Goalundo.*

PORTS OF INSPECTION

1. Dhubri.
2. Gauhati.
3. Tezpur.
4. Dibrugarh.
5. Karimganj.

RIVER DEBARKATION DEPOTS.

1. Tezpur.
2. Silghat.
3. Negriting
4. Kokilamukh.
5. Dessangmukh.
6. Dhansirimukh.
7. Dibrugarh.

RAILWAY DEBARKATION DEPOT.

1. Gauhati.

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Resolution on Immigrant Labour in Assam for the year 1916-17.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Assam in the General Department, No. 11207*G., dated the 5th November* 1917.

READ—

The Immigrant Labour Reports of the Deputy Commissioners of Labour Districts.

RESOLUTION.

This Resolution deals with the labour force imported for employment in the tea gardens in Assam, in the oil refinery at Digboi, in coal mines and in certain saw-mills. The labour employed in railways is excluded, and no account is taken of those labourers who are temporarily employed during the cold weather and return to their homes in April and May.

2. There was a considerable decrease in the number of immigrants during the year under report. The decrease is ascribed to good crops in the recruiting districts; to the increased demand for labour in those districts by industries connected with the war; to the heavy importations of the preceding year, which rendered it unnecessary to recruit a large supply of labour; and in part to curtailment of expenditure owing to the difficulty of disposing of the crop. The mortality on transit was considerably lower than that of the last year, and the general health of the garden population was good.

Strength and distribution of the labour force.

3. The total strength of the labour force at the close of the year was 9,56,716, showing an increase of 3,589 over the figures of the preceding year. The number of labourers under Act VI contracts was 2,731 only or 0·4 per cent of the total adult labourers. Of the total labour force, 65·51 per cent. were employed in the Assam Valley, and 34·49 per cent. in the Surma Valley.

Nationality and sex of the adult labour force.

4. There was again practically no change in the distribution of the labour force according to nationality and sex. Of the adults 75 per cent. were natives of Chota Nagpur, the Santhal Parganas and the plains districts of the United Provinces, Bengal and Bihar. The proportion of women was 43·37 per cent. of Act labourers, and 48·31 of non-Act labourers, while the percentage of children was 40·86 of the total strength.

Acreage under tea and distribution of the force per acre.

5. The area under tea cultivation increased from 3,83,104 to 3,88,033 acres. There was little or no change in the number of adults employed per acre, the district average varying from 1·13 in Kamrup to 1·74 in Lakhimpur. These figures, of course, take no account of local labour available from outside the gardens.

CHAPTER II.

IMMIGRATION.

Provincial figures of immigration

6. The following table shows the statistics of immigration into the province during the past five years :—

Class of labourers.		1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
1		2	3	4	5	6
Act ..	Sardari adults	774	916	1,484	522	...
	Contractor's adults	2,765	2,870	981	67	..

Class of labourers.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Non-Act adults	42,901	42,073	43,747	72,029	33,998
Total of Act and Non-Act adults	46,239	45,849	45,212	72,609	33,998
Children	13,634	13,020	17,426	37,768	14,132
Grand total	59,373	58,869	63,638	1,10,376	48,130

The number of persons who immigrated during 1916-17 was less than half that of the preceding year, and was considerably less than the numbers in 1912-13, 1913-14 or 1914-15. The bulk of the immigrants came from the Santhal Parganas and Chota Nagpur, and the plains of the United Provinces, Bengal and Bihar. Reasons for the large decrease are mentioned in paragraph 2 above.

Mortality during transit.

7. The health of the immigrants on transit was good. The number of deaths was 46 as compared with 114 in the preceding year. Twenty-three deaths were due to cholera. The health of the immigrants during transit continues to receive the careful attention of the Sanitary Commissioner.

Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.

8. The number of cases of fraudulent and irregular recruitment fell from 76 to 21, of which 11 were found on investigation to be true. The decrease in these cases doubtless followed, in part, the general reduction in recruitment, but it is reasonable to suppose that it was also partly due to the elimination of the contractor and the supervision exercised by the Assam Labour Board.

CHAPTER III.

CONTRACTS AND WAGES.

Number of contracts made.

9. No contracts were executed during the year by coolies in the recruiting districts, the provisions relating to the execution of contracts having been withdrawn with effect from the 1st July 1915.

Expiry and cancellation of contracts.

10. The number of existing contracts cancelled by the efflux of time was 1,210 against 2,431. These were fairly regularly reported by Managers concerned. Five hundred and nine contracts were dissolved by mutual consent against 350 of the preceding year, the district of Darrang being alone responsible for 431. The majority of these coolies, whose contracts are thus cancelled, subsequently enter into agreements under Act XIII. One contract was cancelled under section 131 for permanent unfitness.

Repatriation.

11. The total number of coolies available for repatriation was 61, and all of them were repatriated at the expense of the gardens concerned.

Working of Act XIII of 1859.

12. Act XIII of 1859 continued to be largely used, and is again reported to have worked satisfactorily. The cash advances on which agreements under this Act are based are welcomed by the labourers, whilst the obligation to work out the term of the agreement is well understood, and in the great majority of cases loyally carried out. It is this moral effect of the Act which constitutes its chief value to the tea industry, and prosecution for breach of the agreements is resorted to but little.

Wages of Act labourers.

13. The following statement shows the average monthly wages of Act labourers. The average shows an improvement over the figures of the last year, but the figures are of decreasing importance in view of the early disappearance of the Act VI contract.

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1916, and March 1917, of monthly cash wages, including *ticca*, diet rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.			
	Of total number on books.		Of average daily working strength.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
1	2	3	4	5
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar Sadr	...	...	...	...
Hailakandi	...	...	...	...
North Sylhet	...	...	...	...
Karimganj	...	...	...	...
South Sylhet	...	...	...	...
Habiganj	...	...	...	...
Kamrup Sadr	...	...	...	...
Darrang Sadr	5 10 10	7 1 5	7 7 7	8 11 2
Mangaldai	6 11 9	5 10 5	8 6 8	7 3 2
Nowgong	5 13 9	5 15 7	7 3 1	7 7 6
Jorhat	6 8 6	5 1 8	7 12 0	6 9 2
Sibsagar	5 10 0	4 9 6	7 2 2	6 8 0
Golaghat	5 10 6	4 3 5	7 1 0	5 9 10
Lakhimpur Sadr	7 6 7	6 13 1	10 4 4	9 2 8
North Lakhimpur	6 3 1	5 3 4	7 1 3	8 0 3
Average for 1916-17	6 2 11	6 6 5	8 1 11	8 4 7
Average for 1915-16	5 12 1	5 9 11	7 11 2	7 3 3

Wages of non-Act coolies.

14. The average earning of non-Act coolies are shown below :—

Subdivision.	Average calculated on the figures for September 1916 and March 1917, of monthly cash wages, including *ticca*, diet rations, subsistence allowance and bonus per head.					
	Of total number on books.			Of average daily working strength.		
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Men.	Women.	Children.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar Sadr	5 11 1	4 6 10	2 10 10	7 3 1	5 15 8	3 9 8
Hailakandi	5 3 5	4 3 6	2 3 0	6 7 10	5 14 3	3 6 11
North Sylhet	5 8 11	4 1 5	2 7 0	6 15 3	5 7 0	3 5 7
Karimganj	5 1 4	4 0 1	2 11 9	6 7 6	5 5 10	3 10 8
South Sylhet	5 10 6	4 2 8	2 6 4	7 5 3	5 10 6	3 9 5
Habiganj	5 12 6	4 5 11	2 10 3	7 8 10	6 0 9	3 15 1
Kamrup Sadr	5 5 7	3 11 10	2 3 4	9 9 9	6 7 3	4 1 2
Darrang Sadr	7 11 10	5 13 0	3 2 8	10 1 7	7 9 1	4 2 7
Mangaldai	6 3 5	4 13 4	2 4 8	8 1 11	6 8 9	3 9 7
Nowgong	5 12 4	5 6 11	3 1 8	7 13 8	7 14 9	4 4 6
Jorhat	6 7 3	5 1 4	3 1 2	7 14 0	6 7 4	4 1 0
Sibsagar	6 1 2	5 5 5	2 13 6	7 13 11	6 15 3	3 12 10
Golaghat	6 4 5	5 14 1	3 3 9	8 6 2	8 2 9	4 10 1
Lakhimpur Sadr	5 11 1	6 2 5	3 11 3	7 11 8	8 5 10	4 12 1
North Lakhimpur	6 7 0	5 9 5	3 1 8	8 14 8	8 0 1	4 4 6
Average for 1916-17* ...	6 1 0	5 3 8	3 0 7	7 14 11	7 0 8	4 1 8
Average for 1915-16 ...	6 0 4	5 2 6	2 14 5	8 1 4	6 10 11	3 15 9

* [The provincial averages are not the means of the district averages, but are calculated independently by dividing the total earnings of two typical months by the total number of coolies on the books (column 2 of Form No. 25) and by the total of average daily working strength (column 4 of Form No. 27) during these months.]

CHAPTER IV.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Birth-rate.

15. The recorded birth-rate was 22·8 per mille calculated on the total strength of the coolie population, and 79·6 per mille on the adult female population, the figures for the preceding year being 23·7 and 82·0, respectively.

District.	Number of births.	Birth-rate per mille on—	
		Total coolie population.	Adult female population.
1	2	3	4
Cachar	3,341	23·8	80·3
Sylhet	4,345	23·1	81·6
Kamrup	150	30·2	93·6
Darrang	2,427	20·4	70·6
Nowgong	540	22·2	73·9
Sibsagar	5,483	23·1	82·3
Lakhimpur	5,460	22·5	79·3
Total for 1916-17 ...	21,746	22·8	79·6
Total for 1915-16 ...	21,727	23·7	82·0

The recorded provincial birth-rate per mille of the total population was 30·52 and 152·27 per mille of the total adult female population.

Death-rate (Statement VIII).

16. The registered death-rate for the total labour force was 26·0 against 27·4 in 1915-16. The number of deaths was 24,890 against 25,151. The rate among adults was 29·8 against 31·5 in the preceding year. The highest death-rate (36·6) was recorded in Darrang and the lowest (23·7) in Cachar.

Mortality according to nationality.

17. The statement below shows the death-rate among coolies from the several recruiting areas. The death-rate was lower than that of the previous year among all classes, especially among the Madrasi coolies.

Nationality.	Sex.	Mean annual strength of adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Deaths among adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Ratio per mille of the deaths to strength.
1	2	3	4	5
Plains, United Provinces, Bengal and Bihar.	Men	2,16,216	3,576	31·50
	Women		3,226	
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas ...	Men	2,08,799	3,184	30·13
	Women		3,107	
Central Provinces	Men	72,578	977	26·24
	Women		928	
Madras	Men	40,588	658	31·43
	Women		618	

Nationality.	Sex.	Mean annual strength of adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Deaths among adults of the Act and non-Act classes.	Ratio per mille of the deaths to strength.
1	2	3	4	5
Assam	Men	26,393	221	20·84
	Women		329	
Others	Men	3,208	99	34·90
	Women		13	
Total ...	Men	2,94,324	8,715	29·61
	Women	2,73,458	8,221	30·06
Grand total ...	.....	5,67,782	16,936	29·82

Mortality among Act labourers from principal diseases.

	1915-16.	1916-17.
Mean strength ...	... 6,621	... 3,895
Deaths from cholera	... 23	... 13
„ Diarrhœa	... 16	... 15
„ Dysentery	... 95	... 35
„ Malarial fever	... 13	... 11
„ Anæmia	... 41	... 31
„ Respiratory diseases	... 26	... 25
„ Other causes	... 121	... 46
Total	... 335	176

18. The statement in the margin shows the mean strength of the total Act labour force and the number of deaths from the principal diseases. Dysentery, anæmia and respiratory diseases were responsible for the largest number of deaths.

CHAPTER V.

UNHEALTHY GARDENS.

19. Gardens are classed as unhealthy when the mortality either of the total garden population or of the Act and non-Act coolies taken separately exceeds 7 per cent. and the total number of deaths is not less than 10. Five gardens were classed as unhealthy during the year under report as against 12 in the preceding year. Two of them have been on the unhealthy list for two years in succession.

District.	Unhealthy in respect of	Name of garden.	Mean strength.	Number of deaths.	Ratio per mille.	Cause of deaths.						
						Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Anæmia or Anchylostomiasis.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Darrang ...	Non-Act population.	Sessa	1,049	87	82·9	1	3	9	6	11	16	41
	Act population ...	Majuligarh (with its out-garden Ghiladhari).	148	12	81·1	...	2	4	1	1	3	1
Sibsagar ...	Total population	Barpatra ...	767	59	76·9	...	6	13	8	3	11	18
	Ditto	Dooria ...	2,315	186	80·3	3	27	15	66	25	11	39
Lakhimpur ...	Act population ...	Namdang ...	188	16	85·1	...	4	5	1	3	2	1

CHAPTER VI.

Offences and Prosecutions.

Complaints by coolies and by Managers.

20. During the year under report coolies instituted two complaints of ill-treatment against their employers. One of the complaints was found to be trivial and was dismissed, the other was decided in favour of the complainant. There were 13 miscellaneous complaints including simple assault cases instituted by coolies of which one was decided in favour of the complainant. Of the rest, 11 were dismissed as trivial, or were withdrawn by the complainants. There were 560 applications for discharge certificates of which 320 were successful. Managers instituted 793 cases, including those pending from the previous year, against their coolies for non-fulfilment of their contracts and agreements, and were successful in 189 cases. Forty coolies were sent to prison. There were 7 cases of riot or unlawful assembly and two cases of assault during the year under report. The most serious case was one of rioting and causing grievous hurt by coolies of the Mathurapur Tea Estate in the Sibsagar district. On the whole, the relations between employers and employed were satisfactory.

Desertions of Act VI labourers.

21. The number of desertions among Act VI labourers was 445 against 559 in the preceding year. Forty-one warrants were issued for the arrest of the deserters, of whom 23 were arrested. Of these, only one was convicted and none were sentenced to imprisonment.

CHAPTER VII.

Miscellaneous.

Inspection.

22. The number of gardens employing Act labourers and more than 50 non-Act coolies were 731 at the close of the year. Of these, 353 were liable to inspection and 342 were inspected during the year.

Capitation fees.

23. No capitation fees were realised during the year, as the provisions of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act under which the fees are realised were withdrawn with effect from the 1st July 1915.

Relations between planters and neighbouring villagers.

24. The relations between planters and neighbouring villagers were, as usual, satisfactory.

Colonisation by *ex* tea garden coolies.

25. At the close of the year time-expired coolies held 2,35,094 acres of Government land in their names as tenants and 32,346 acres of land as sub-tenants, against 2,21,161 and 30,798 acres respectively in the preceding year. The area of Government land settled with managers on special and ordinary leases to enable them to provide their coolies with cultivation was 17,693 acres.

Inland labour and transport operations.

26. Receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 16,338 and expenditure to Rs. 43,800.

By order of the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

A. W. BOTHAM,

Second-Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

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STATEMENT I.—PART A.—Statistics of the adult coolies employed under Act VI of 1901 *on the Tea Estates in the Province of Assam during the year* 1916-17.

District.	Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year.					Total of columns 2 and 7.	Deductions made during the year 1916-17.											Number remaining at the end of the year 1916-17.	Annual strength.	Death per mille.
		Imported		Otherwise than by importations.		Total added.		Transferred to other estates.	Deaths.	Desertions.	Cancelment under section 10.	Cancelment under sections 11, 152(1), 153(1), 154 and 200.	Cancelment for permanent unfitness, section 131.	Cancelment under section 140(c).	Suspended under section 129.	Efflux of time, section 155.	Redemption, section 156.	Number dissolved by mutual consent.	Total deducted.			
		By contractors.	By garden sardars.	Received by transfer from other estates.	Recovered after having been struck off as deserters.																
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total, Surma Valley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	2,185	...	...	7	1	8	2,193	12	52	158	...	...	...	...	...	398	...	431	1,051	1,142	1,663	31·2
Nowgong	284	...	...	...	5	5	289	...	10	16	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	126	163	223	44·8
Sibsagar	930	...	...	...	11	11	941	2	48	77	...	...	...	...	...	216	...	63	407	534	732	65·5
Lakhimpur	1,663	...	...	18	...	18	1,681	18	66	194	...	...	...	...	...	496	...	15	789	892	1,277	51·7
Total, Brahmaputra Valley ...	5,062	...	...	25	17	42	5,104	32	176	445	...	...	1	...	...	1,210	...	509	2,373	2,731	3,895	45·1
Total of 1916-17	5,062	...	...	25	17	42	5,104	32	176	445	...	...	1	...	...	1,210	...	509	2,373	2,731	3,895	45·1
„ „ 1915-16	8,181	57	522	26	5	610	8,791	42	335	559	...	...	12	...	...	2,431	...	350	3,729	5,062	6,621	50·5

STATEMENT I.—PART B.—Statistics of the adult coolies (working and not working) living in garden lines and garden bastis, *but not employed under Act VI of* 1901, *and coolie children.*

District.		Number remaining at the end of the previous year.	Additions made during the year 1916-1917.			Total of columns 2 and 5.	Deductions made during the year 1916-1917.			Number remaining at the end of the year 1916-1917.	Annual strength.	Death-rate per mille.
			Number imported during the year.	Number added locally during the year.	Total added.		Number lost by death during the year.	Number lost by transfer, discharge or desertion during the year.	Total deducted.			
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar ...	Adults ...	84,074	1,764	4,598	6,362	90,436	1,996	4,118	6,114	84,322	84,198	23·7
	Children ...	55,478	785	4,217	5,002	60,480	992	3,315	4,307	56,173	55,825	17·7
Sylhet ...	Adults ...	106,400	6,381	5,711	12,092	118,492	2,795	7,648	10,443	108,049	107,224	26·0
	Children ...	79,592	1,655	5,486	7,141	86,733	1,202	4,132	5,334	81,399	80,496	14·9
Surma Valley...	Adults ...	190,474	8,145	10,309	18,454	208,928	4,791	11,766	16,557	192,371	191,422	25·0
	Children ...	135,070	2,440	9,703	12,143	147,213	2,194	7,447	9,641	137,572	136,321	16·0
Kamrup ...	Adults ...	3,365	246	806	1,052	4,417	84	679	763	3,654	3,509	23·9
	Children ...	1,291	71	471	542	1,833	61	147	208	1,625	1,458	41·8
Darrang ...	Adults ...	73,253	7,205	6,587	13,792	87,045	2,708	10,192	12,900	74,145	73,699	36·7
	Children ...	42,522	3,049	3,091	6,140	48,662	936	3,221	4,157	44,505	43,514	21·5
Nowgong ...	Adults ...	15,608	661	1,014	1,675	17,283	380	2,148	2,528	14,755	15,182	25·0
	Children ...	8,908	282	612	894	9,802	146	892	1,038	8,764	8,836	16·5
Sibsagar ...	Adults ...	135,504	8,369	6,627	14,996	150,500	4,086	10,531	14,617	135,883	135,693	30·1
	Children ...	98,880	4,064	6,413	10,477	109,357	2,232	5,744	7,976	101,381	100,131	22·2
Lakhimpur ...	Adults ...	146,504	9,372	6,006	15,378	161,882	4,711	14,812	19,623	142,259	144,382	32·6
	Children ...	96,686	4,226	6,607	10,833	107,519	2,385	8,063	10,448	97,071	96,878	24·8
Brahmaputra Valley.	Adults ...	374,234	25,853	21,040	46,893	421,127	11,969	38,462	50,431	370,696	372,465	32·1
	Children ...	248,287	11,692	17,194	28,886	277,173	5,760	18,067	23,827	253,346	250,817	22·9
Total ...	Adults ...	564,708	33,998	31,349	65,347	630,055	16,750	50,228	66,988	563,067	563,887	29·7
	Children ...	383,357	14,132	26,897	41,029	424,386	7,954	25,514	33,468	390,918	387,138	20·5
Total of 1916-17 ...		948,065	48,130	58,246	106,376	1,054,441	24,714	75,742	100,456	953,985	951,025	25·9
„ „ 1915-16 ...		871,231	109,797	60,210	170,007	1,041,238	24,816	68,357	93,173	948,065	909,647	27·2

Statement II.—Nationality and Sex of the Adult Labour force.

Nationality.	Act.			Non-Act.			Total.			Percentage of column 9 to column 10.	Percentage of column 10 to total labour force.
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Plains, United Provinces, Bengal and Bihar.	327	295	622	112,123	103,318	215,441	112,450	103,613	216,063	47·95	38·19
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas.	781	619	1,400	104,913	102,581	207,494	105,694	103,200	208,894	49·40	36·92
Central Provinces ...	350	221	571	35,035	34,937	69,972	35,385	35,158	70,543	49·84	12·47
Madras	73	63	136	20,921	19,030	39,951	20,994	19,093	40,087	47·63	7·08
Assam	...	...	...	15,793	11,258	27,051	15,793	11,258	27,051	41·62	4·78
Others	2	...	2	2,267	891	3,158	2,269	891	3,160	28 20	0·56
Total of 1916-17 ...	1,533	1,198	2,731	291,052	272,015	563,067	292,585	273,213	565,798	48·29	100·00
„ „ 1915-16 ...	2,910	2,152	5,062	293,156	271,552	564,708	296,066	273,704	569,770	48·03	100·00

STATEMENT III.—Nationality and Sex of Adult Immigrants and Agency by which recruited.

Nationality.	Imported by garden sardars.			Imported by contractors.			Total Act.			Total non-Act.			Total Act and non-Act.		
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Plains, United Provinces, Bengal and Behar.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,844	4,811	12,655	7,844	4,811	12,655
Chota Nagpur and Sonthal Parganas.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,568	6,303	14,871	8,568	6,303	14,871
Central Provinces ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,312	987	2,299	1,312	987	2,299
Madras ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,078	875	1,953	1,078	875	1,953
Assam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	889	89	978	889	89	978
Others	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,117	125	1,242	1,117	125	1,242
Total of 1916-17 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,808	13,190	33,998	20,808	13,190	33,998
„ „ 1915-16 ...	371	151	522	39	18	57	410	169	579	42,183	29,846	72,029	42,593	30,015	72,608

STATEMENT IV.—Recruitment of Act labourers.

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STATEMENT V.—Debarkation Depôts.

Districts	Number of depôts.	Total number of immigrants.	Number who passed through depôts.	Number detained at depôts.				Contracts cancelled at depôts.	Expenditure.		
				Through want of guide.	In hospital.	For segregation.	For night only.		Buildings.	Establishment, etc.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
									Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Kamrup	1	317	18,063	56	38	54	3,658	...	1,808 15 6	1,416 9 9	3,225 9 3
Darrang	1	10,254	9,173	790	20	40	1,054	...	503 10 0	2,164 10 9	2,668 4 9
Nowgong	1	943	3,171	485	9	...	2,130	...	153 3 6	428 5 8	586 9 2
Sibsagar	4	12,433	5,501	319	31	6	4,837	...	1,311 12 6	1,831 8 1	3,143 4 7
Lakhimpur	1	13,598	4,393	528	51	...	5,897	...	364 10 2	1,296 0 0	1,660 10 2
Total of 1916-17 ...	8	37,545	40,301	2,178	149	100	17,576	...	4,147 3 8	7,137 2 3	11,284 5 11
„ „ 1915-16 ...	8	86,753	46,582	5,752	412	504	23,800	8	2,936 6 0	8,131 12 8	11,068 2 8

STATEMENT VI.—*Fraudulent and irregular recruitment.*

District.	Number of cases pending from the previous year.	Number of complaints received during the year.	Number found true.	Number found false.	Number not proved.	Pending at the close of the year.	Total number of cases disposed of.	Number of persons concerned.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cachar	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	1
Sylhet	1(*a*)	3	2	...	1	...	3	4
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1
Nowgong	...	2	...	1	1	...	2	2
Sibsagar	1	11	5	3	3	1	11	58
Lakhimpur	10	4	2	...	9	3	11	16
Total of 1916-17	13	21	11	4	14	4	29	83
„ 1915-16	11	76	24	12	38	13	74	164

(*a*) The case was transferred to the Magistrate of Benaras during the year under report for trial.

STATEMENT VII.—*Repatriation of Labourers.*

	Number of labourers available for repatriation.	Number repatriated.				
		Under section 12 (section 10 or 11).	Under section 158 (section 131).	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	5	...	...	...	5	5
Kamrup	1	...	...	...	1	1
Darrang	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sibsagar	51	...	...	...	51	51
Lakhimpur	4	...	...	...	4	4
Total of 1916-17	61	...	...	...	61	61
„ „ 1915-16	82	...	12	4	57	73

	Number whose contracts were cancelled, but not repatriated.						Cost of repatriation charged to the Inland Labour Transport operations.		
	Awaiting an escort.	Preferring to remain in the garden or in the district.	Died.	Absconded.	Sent to lunatic asylum.	Total.	Under section 159.	Under section 161.	Total.
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
							Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of 1916-17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ 1915-16	...	2	6	1	...	9	161 0 3	...	161 0 3

STATEMENT VIII.—Deaths among all classes of labourers.

District.	Class.	Mean annual strength.	Deaths from								
			Cholera.	Diarrhœa.	Dysentery.	Malarial fever.	Anæmia of coolies or *anchylostomiasis*.	Respiratory diseases.	Other causes.	Total deaths.	Ratio per mille.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cachar ...	Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	84,198	98	133	296	210	215	359	685	1,996	23·7
	Children ...	55,825	17	68	152	277	63	106	309	992	17·7
	Total adults ...	84,196	98	133	296	210	215	359	685	1,996	23·7
Sylhet ...	Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	1,07,224	121	276	416	333	326	545	778	2,795	26·0
	Children ...	80,496	20	110	171	297	75	157	372	1,202	14·9
	Total adults ...	1,07,224	121	276	416	333	326	545	778	2,795	26·0
Kamrup ...	Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Act adults ...	3,509	11	4	14	43	2	...	10	84	23·9
	Children ...	1,458	...	5	12	26	2	...	16	61	41·8
	Total adults ...	3,509	11	4	14	43	2	...	10	84	23·9
Darrang ...	Act	1,663	11	3	8	1	6	6	17	52	31·2
	Non-Act adults ...	73,699	144	269	664	175	385	480	591	2,708	36·7
	Children ...	43,514	35	73	246	180	89	137	176	936	21·5
	Total adults ...	75,362	155	272	672	176	391	486	608	2,760	36·6
Nowgong ...	Act	223	...	...	2	1	...	2	5	10	44·8
	Non-Act adults ...	15,182	10	20	55	54	39	66	136	380	25·0
	Children ...	8,836	2	9	27	10	6	15	77	146	16·5
	Total adults ...	15,405	10	20	57	55	39	68	141	390	25·3
Sibsagar ...	Act	712	1	5	8	5	10	7	12	48	65·5
	Non-Act adults ...	1,35,693	323	357	846	239	375	686	1,260	4,086	30·1
	Children ...	1,00,131	78	199	471	325	114	210	835	2,232	22·2
	Total adults ...	1,36,425	324	362	854	244	385	693	1,272	4,134	30·3
Lakhimpur ...	Act	1,277	1	7	17	4	15	10	12	66	51·7
	Non-Act adults ...	1,44,382	108	500	840	258	734	919	1,352	4,711	32·6
	Children ...	96,878	13	216	435	395	154	159	1,013	2,385	24·6
	Total adults ...	1,45,659	109	507	857	262	749	929	1,364	4,777	32·7
	Total Labour force ...	9,54,920	993	2,254	4,680	2,833	2,610	3,361	7,656	24,890	26·0

STATEMENT IX.—Offences committed by tea-garden coolies and by tea planters.

	By coolies against Managers.				By Managers against coolies.					
	Violence, intimidation, or oppressive treatment without reference to re-engagement.	Violence, intimidation, or oppressive treatment, in order to compel re-engagement.	Application for discharge certificates.	Others.	Non-fulfilment of contract (by absence, desertions, etc.).	For failure of garden sardars to return to duty.	For enticing coolies.	Unlawful assembly or rioting.	Assault or intimidation.	Others.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Number of complaints or petitions received during the year.	2	...	538	13	703	29	...	7	2	3
Number of complaints or petitions pending from the previous year.	...	...	22	...	90	26	...	...	...	...
Total	2	...	560	13	793	55	...	7	2	3
Number dealt with criminally and decided—										
For complainant	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	2
Against complainant	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	1
Number of persons fined	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ imprisoned	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	...	1
Number dealt with under Act VI of 1901 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	8	...	2	6	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	16	1	3	48	...	...	...	...
Number of persons fined	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ imprisoned	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...
Number dealt with under Act XIII of 1859 and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	171	...	187	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	84	2	481	...	...	...	...	...
Number of persons imprisoned	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	...	...
Number dealt with executively and decided—										
For complainant	...	...	141	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Against complainant	...	...	134	3	...	...	...	...	...	...

STATEMENT X.—Statement of desertions among adult labourers under Act VI of 1901.

Subdivision.	Number of desertions.	Percentage of desertions on mean strength.	Number of warrants issued for the arrest of deserters.	Number arrested.	Number convicted.	Number punished with imprisonment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cachar ... Sadr	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cachar ... Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ... North Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ... Karimganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ... South Sylhet	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ... Habiganj	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kamrup ... Sadr	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darrang ... Sadr	146	9·0	2	1	1	...
Darrang ... Mangaldai	12	26·0	...	...	...	...
Nowgong ... Sadr	16	7·1	...	...	...	...
Sibsagar ... Jorhat	6	4·9	...	...	...	...
Sibsagar ... Sibsagar	33	6·8	...	...	...	...
Sibsagar ... Golaghat	38	30·4	4	1	...	
Lakhimpur ... Sadr	138	16·1	30	21	...	...
Lakhimpur ... North Lakhimpur ...	6	5·3	5	...	...	...
Total of 1916-17	445	11·4	41	23	1	...
„ „ 1915-16	559	8·4	111	13	3	2

STATEMENT XI.—Inspection.

District.	Number of gardens employing Act labour.	Number of non-Act gardens employing more than 50 labourers.	Number of gardens liable to inspection during the year.			Number of gardens inspected during the year.			Number inspected once.	Number inspected twice.	Number of inspections made by Deputy Commissioners.	Number of inspections made by Assistant Commissioners.	Number of inspections made by Civil Surgeons.	Number of inspections made by other agencies.	Total number of inspections made.	Number of gardens which submitted returns.
			Number not inspected in the previous year.	Specially selected for annual inspection.	Total.	Of those entered in column 4.	Of those entered in column 5.	Total.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Cachar	...	110	47	7	54	47	7	54	54	...	27	12	...	15	54	110
Sylhet	...	136	59	22	81	58	22	80	77	3	31	51	1	...	83	140
Kamrup	...	19	3	...	3	3	...	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	3	13
Darrang	42	100	37	23	60	35	15	50	49	1	32	11	8	...	51	100
Nowgong	14	33	17	...	17	17	...	17	17	...	16	1	...	...	17	34
Sibsagar	43	114	65	13	78	65	13	78	78	...	26	48	4	...	78	149
Lakhimpur ...	34	86	56	4	60	56	4	60	59	1	21	16	4	20	61	120
Total of 1916-17 ...	133	598	284	69	353	281	61	342	337	5	156	139	17	35	347	666

STATEMENT XII.—Demand and collection of capitation fees under section 117 of Act VI of 1901.

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